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SUBJECT: TAIWAN OBSERVERSHIP AT THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY:  
CANADIAN POSITION

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Classified By: Curtis Stone, ESTH Counselor. Reasons 1.5 (b,d).

1. (C) As requested in reftel, ESTH Counselor made points on observer status for Taiwan to Ross Snyder, Deputy Director for UN Specialized Agencies, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). Snyder indicated that he was well aware of the issue and would pass our views along to appropriate members of the Canadian delegation to the WHA, most of whom had already left for Geneva. He said that the GOC sees the benefits that would accrue from Taiwan having observer status at the WHO. While not prepared to take an active role in pressing the case for Taiwan, Canada would support any consensus on this issue that met the concerns of both China and Taiwan.

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